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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- May 1987

I. GENERAL

A. On 10 May the bureau celebrated its 5th anniversary with a braai (cookout) and spirited volleyball match on the bureau grounds. About 50 staff, family, and invited guests dined on shishkabobs, chicken, and boerwars sausages on a beautiful autumn African day. Guests included the AID director, who was filling in for the honeymooning ambassador, and visiting Tel Aviv teletype supervisor [redacted] and her family.

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B. The Embassy GSO continues to provide excellent support for bureau housing needs. A contractor has completed rewiring the houses occupied by the deputy chief and the junior editor to provide 3-phase power. The project is awaiting action by Swaziland Electricity Board to extend a line for hookup. The junior editor also received a long-awaited shipment of new furniture.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau remained open throughout the night of 6 May to provide results of the election to the RSA House of Assembly. The staff reacted well to unanticipated consumer interest in a complete breakdown of the vote tally for all 345 candidates in the 166 districts. Editors [redacted] and [redacted] quickly set up two processing positions with a television monitor, VCR, and PC terminal at each. This allowed them to use video tape recordings of the results to compose and file 20 fyi's with the requested election results. Subsequently, Chief WSS passed on his congratulations and expressions of appreciation from consumers.

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2. The results of the white-only elections in the RSA were a resounding victory for the ruling National Party, which won 133 of the 166 seats being contested. The other major result was the apparent shift to the right by white South Africans as the Conservative Party replaced the liberal Progressive Federal Party as the official opposition. Black South Africans expressed their opposition

to the elections with an unprecedented 2-day work boycott by over 1 million black workers. The number of unrest related incidents reported by the RSA media also increased dramatically during election week, as did unrest on university campuses.

3. In the wake of the NP election victory, President P.W. Botha claimed a mandate from the voters to continue with his policies of gradual reform while containing unrest with the state of emergency. Despite court rulings which overturned certain restrictions on unrest reporting, the government banned one American and two British journalists and vowed to continue enforcing the press curbs while it appeals the rulings.

4. A series of 11 explosions, mostly caused by land mines, killed four people, and injured 31 others in South Africa. The worst was a double car bomb explosion outside the Johannesburg Magistrates Court, which killed three policemen and injured 15 other people. The ANC claimed responsibility for the attack.

5. South Africa reacted to the bombings with a series of raids on suspected ANC facilities and personnel in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Swaziland, and Mozambique in which at least seven people died and several others were injured. The latest and most controversial was in Maputo itself, where raiders landed by boat and attacked four buildings killing three Mozambican citizens. The attacks, for which South Africa denied responsibility or refused comments, were condemned by the ANC, all the countries in the region, and by many other nations, including the United States and the USSR.

6. The U.S. Senate vote to ban foreign aid to the countries of southern Africa that continue to support ANC attacks against the RSA drew the predictable heated responses from the Frontline States and praise from South Africa itself. In the most vehement rejection of the Senate vote, Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe called the Senators "racists at heart."

B. Tehnical

1. The new Victor VPC II computer has been installed in the communications section and is now being used along with the IBM PC ~~XT~~ by the teletypists to produce tapes.

2. The city power fluctuations that plagued the bureau during April continued off and on all month. The bureau generator has been in regular use, both morning and evening, for up to 6 hours some days. On several occasions the surges have blown fuses and caused minor damage to bureau equipment. Swaziland Electricity Board has tried several times to correct the problem and now has its chief engineer working on a solution.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

Afrikaans monitor [] returned to work on 25 May after successful open-heart surgery and a long convalescence. His return will add much needed experience to the section.

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Bureau technician [] absent due to Medical evacuation since last February, was transferred PCS to Headquarters on 15 May.

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IV. VISITS

FBIS Chief of Operations [] visited the bureau 11-13 May as part of his management trip.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

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Swaziland Bureau Production Report for May 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	481740
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	40810
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1217

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	7024.00	13980.00	131.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in
Portuguese

30360

BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in
English

5200

Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in
English

0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Radio Truth in
English to Zimbabwe

0

(Clandestine) Radio Truth in
Ndebele to Zimbabwe

0

(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the
Black Cockerel in

Portuguese to Angola

0

(Clandestine) KUP in

Portuguese to Southern and Central
Africa

0

(Clandestine) KUP in

English to Southern and Central
Africa

160

(Clandestine) KUP in

French to Southern and Central
Africa

2470

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Maseru Domestic Service in
English

570

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho	0		
MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	940		
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			0
MOZAMBIQUE			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	21920		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	10190		
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			450
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			0
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			0
NAMIBIA			
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek NAMIBIAN in English			0
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			0
SENEGAL			
Dakar PANA in English		4480	
Dakar PANA in French		280	
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	5380		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	580		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	18730		
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	10670		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Johannesburg Television in English	18750		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	17720		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		179450	
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			1240
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			1750
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			500
Johannesburg DIE VADERLAND in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese			0
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			1180
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			3190
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English			9820
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES English			8120
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			2740
Johannesburg THE NEW NATION in English			3320
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			13310
Johannesburg WEEKLY MAIL in English			16370
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			0
SAA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers			48210
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	300		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	0		
Mbabane Television in English	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Mbabane Television in siSwati	0		
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			480
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			170
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			1440
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	0		
Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa	0		
Moscow in English to Southern Africa	0		
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	9240		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Radio Freedom in English	0		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Lusaka Voice of Namibia in English	14680		
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	0		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	1620		
Harare Domestic Service in English	14170		
Harare Domestic Service in Ndebele	0		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			1370

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Harare THE HERALD in English		1220
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English		0